

him it was to him, and he should stay no longer, and thereupon turned him down the stairs, and when he had done, he came up again and shut the Chamber-door. The Soldier being down, told the rest of his Comrades what had happened, whereupon after some Discourse amongst themselves, which they were taken notice of to have, they altogether ascended the stairs with their Swords drawn, and knocking at the door, Mr. Grouster the Brick-laiier came and opened it, whom presently they all struck at, but one of them hit him so violent a blow on the Head with his Hanger, that he fell down upon the floor, and died immediately, which the rest seeing presently fled, two whereof were taken within half an hour after the murder was done, coming down the same Lane, who were both committed to Newgate by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, where they remained till Sessions, and being found Guilty by the Jury on Saturday last of Wilful Murder, they were both Condemned to be hanged at Tyburn for the same.

BLOODY

*Twentyeth
Treatise*

NEWES

FROM

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St. ALBANS.



BEING,

A perfect Relation of a horrible Murder

Committed on *Wednesday* last, upon *Mrs Bass* a Widdow living at the Sign of the *Green-Tree* in the said Town; and how she was most cruelly torn, mangled and dismembred, her brains being dasht out against the walls in the room where she was murdered. Since which some persons are apprehended for the same, and committed to *Hartford* Goal. As is averred by *Mr. Gunter, Gent. Mr. Younger, Mr. New, Mr. Thowgood* the Carrier, and several other Gentlemen of *St. Albans*, who now lodg at the *Bell* in *Aldersgate-street* and will witness the truth.

Also, a barbarous and inhumane murder, committed by a Farmer near *Colchester*, upon his wife, how he stoppt her Mouth, stuck an Awle in her Head and sowed up her Privities, for which being discovered by the Crouner and his own Guilty Conscience, he was try'd at *Chelmsford*, condemned and executed, this last Assizes.

Likewise a cruel and Divellish Plot discovered at *Wem* in *Shropshire* by *Mr. Page* a *Surgion*, with the manner how the chief Actor was taken, and committed by the Mayor of *Shrewsbury*.

This is confirmed by several Gentlemen of Shrewsbury, and also by Mr. Ashley, a Gentleman living near Cripple-gate.

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A part of Relation of a horrible Murder

Communicated to the public by a Gentleman who was present at the execution of the said Murderer. The said Murderer was a young man of about 20 years of age, who was convicted of the murder of a young woman of about 18 years of age, who was found dead in a field near the village of St. Albans. The said Murderer was executed on the 18th of March 1732. The following is a relation of the circumstances of the said Murder.

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This is confirmed by several Gentlemen of St. Albans, and also by Mr. Atkey, a Gentleman living near Cripplegate.

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NEWS

FROM

St. ALBANS.

Sent in a Letter from thence by a Gentleman of quality, to
a friend of his in London.

HAVING lately received many Courtesies from you
both by intelligence in manuscript, and also in those
printed Occurrences I have daily been furnished
with, by your industrious and diligent care, since I
last was in your company at London; in which papers have
been some things miraculous and strange to all who have
perused them; Wherefore I thought good (having an op-
portunity) in part of requital, to gratifie your courtesie by
sending you true account of a lamentable murder commit-
ted lately in this Town, the exact Narrative of which is as
followeth, viz.

The Widow *Bea*, of whom I write this sad and un-
pleasant, was a lusty Hostis who kept a house of entertain-
ment, and lived gallantly at the Sign of the *Green-man* in
this Town.

She was a woman that was an early riser, her constant hour
being four in the morning.

But this last week proved a black week and clouded the
glory of this lusty Dame : for on *Wednesday* in the morning
she rose early, according to her former custome, to attend
on the Company then in her house, and departing from the
room where they were, about half an hour after missing her
so long, they sought after her, and could not hear any thing
of her.

At length coming to the room where she was murdered,
on a sudden they were smitten with amazement, discovering
that she was barbarously massacred, her brains and some flesh
sticking against the wall round the said room.

Since this the whole Town are in great trouble, seeking
daily how to find out the Authors of this cruelty, and several
neighbours resort thither, and some do conjecture that it
was done with a Hatchet, others that a left-handed man
must be the Actor, but the truth cannot as yet be known ;
for her Brains are so divided and fastned to the Walls, that
it doth work great astonishment in the hearts of all that be-
hold it.

There are some taken upon suspicion, but upon their ex-
amination confess nothing, utterly denying that they have
any hand in this bloody and cruel Tragedy ;

Notwithstanding, it is beleived that she was a woman well
to live in the world, and that she had great store of means,
which as they do conjecture is the chief cause why this barba-
rous and unchristian Murder was committed ; it being in-
deed more likely to be acted for lucre rather than any thing
of envy or malice, thus having given you a full account of
what

what hath been done, violently and maliciously done in
these parts.

What shall hereafter happen here you need not trouble
any other in, for no passage shall here fall out worthy your
perusal, but I shall (according to your desire) insert it. Ha-
ving nothing more to trouble you at present, or worth your
observation, time being more busy then my opportunity, I
remain:

Yours to serve you, whilst

August, 11.

1661.

R.W.

For further confirmation of this sad and woful murder
these persons following were resident in the Town when it
was committed.

For thus it is, after receipt of this Letter late yesterday
being *Tuesday* Mr. *Gunter* gentleman, Mr. *Tennger* a School-
master living in the *Abby* at the said Town, and Mr. *Ther-*
ron good the Carrier, who not only justified, but also gave an
exact account thereof, and will confirm the same, they being
at present in *London*, and some of them lodging at the *Bell*
in *Aldersgate-street*.

A sad accident fell out this week at *Westminster*, for yester-
day they went out together very good friends, took Coach
and by the way some difference arose, and the words did not
decide the controversie, for after they had a while treated it
came to blowes, and they went out of the Coach, where they
(though unfriendly) yet with noble spirits assaulted each
other, both being wounded, but the one of them in a short
time gave up the Ghost.

Here

there follows a true and exact account of that strange, and indeed wonderfull Scare-Crow which happened to the Country people at *Wotton* Parish in *Shropshire*, viz.

It happened in the aforesaid Parish that there dwelt one Widdow *Wotton* with her Kinsmaid *Martha*, whose house was continually cumbered and molested by vehement throwing of stones about it, sometimes to the breaking of the Windows, sometimes up and down the Chimneys and other places of the house, not only within, but without in the Air, to the great prejudice of sundry persons which passed by.

Inasmuch that through the long continuance thereof, the neighbours waxed angry, and raised the Country to know the mystery thereof.

Hereupon severall eminent Ministers Assembled together at the next house, to the said Widdow, to pray for the al-laying of the said stones, and withall sent for the said Widdow, with her said Kinswoman to pray with them.

And it so fell out, that whilst they so prayed together by long continuance the stones throwing ceased, but immediately after they desisted, they began again as furious as ever.

This continuing in so strange a manner, one Mr. *Page* a Chirurgion, who watching an opportunity, betook himself to a private Corner which he thought convenient for that purpose, and looking in at the Window, he discovered the Maid spinning, and as she turn'd the Wheel, she flung now and then a stone at the Window, some up the Chimney, some at those as pass'd by, which she still continued as formerly.

Mr. *Page* having made this discovery, got a Warrant, apprehended her, and brought her before a Magistrate, by whom she was committed upon complaint of the Neighbours who had been disturbed by her.

The Country round about gathered together, and coming to the Mayor of *Shrewsbury*, made a great complaint against

gainst her, declaring how they were daily affronted by her
hurling of stones as they passed by.

Upon their complaint, according to his Order, she was
brought before him, and being strictly examined, she con-
fessed that she had done all that they had said, and withall
that she could not help it, for some evil spirit had perswad-
ed her, and she must in spite of her teeth do it, for she was
compel'd to it by some means or other, but how, she knew
not, but so long as she was in that house it would continue
so.

She likewise acknowledged, that at any time when she
went forth, she took an opportunity to fill her lap full of
stones, and that when she came in, she fell to her labour,
and so disposed of them as formerly, for she was daily vexed
with some Spirit; who aggravated her to do it, and she could
not be in peace till she had perform'd it.

The Mayor upon this strict examination, considering of
the heinous offence committed by her, ordered that she
should be whipt for her obstinacy, which was performed ac-
cordingly, after which she was acquitted.

The truth of this story is so really set down, that it will be
at any time averred by severall Gentlemen of quality in
Shropshire, and also by Mr. *Ashley* a Gentleman, living near
Cripplegate in *London*.

Thus have you the true account of this wicked & divelish
design, with a sufficient justification of the same, which may
give satisfaction of the truth thereof to every ingenuous
Reader.

At Chelensford in *Essex* the present Assises held there,
was a man try'd for murdering his Wife who was discover-
ed by the Crouner of *Colchester* in manner following,
viz.

The day being come wherein he intended to bury the dead
body of his Murthered Wife, he askt the people, whether
the Crouner had been there or no? they answering he had
not

...as yet / Whereupon he went after the Corps to see
the Crowner, and threatened to arrest him for not looking af-
ter his charge, upon which the Crowner caused the Coffin
to be opened, and found that she was murdered in a most
barbarous manner: her private parts being cut off, and an
Axe thrust in her head, and her mouth stopp'd, all which he
confessed at his examination, received Sentence for the fact,
and is before this time executed for this bloody and inhu-
mane Murder.

The Heralds also were sent to the several Houses of
Parliament, to acquaint them with the death of the
Princess, and that when the Coffin was brought to the
Church, and disposed of them as formerly, that they might
with their Spirits, who are gathered about the Church, and
not be in peace till the said Prince be buried.

The Mayor upon this report, sent a great number of
the Citizens of London, who were committed by the Court, to
attend the Buriall, which was performed at
St. Dunstons Church, where the Body was interred.

The next of this Story is to tell how the Body was
at any time covered by the Court, and how it was
disposed of, and also how the Buriall was performed.

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Thus have you seen the end of this wicked & diabolical
design with a sufficient justification of the same, which may
give satisfaction of the truth of the story to every ingenious
Reader.

At Chelmsford in Essex the present Justice held the
Court, where the said Prince was buried, and the
Court of the Crowns of England, Wales, &c.



The body of this Prince was buried in the Church of
St. Dunstons, where the Crowns had been more than 200 years, and he had
not

True
Great
AN EXACT
RELATION
OF THE 29.
Barbarous Murder

COMMITTED ON
LAWRENCE CORDDEL
A Butcher, who was Buryed alive

At Christ-Church, on Fryday last being the 21 of June,
With lamentable Screeks, groans and horrid cryes,
made by him in his Grave on Sunday night,
and the sad, wounded and mortyfy'd
condition he was taken up in
on Munday, June 24.

Also the Examination and Confession of
His Land-Lord and Land-Lady (William Cook and his Wife, at
Pill-cock-Lane in Newgate-Market) before the Right
Honorable the Lord Mayor of LONDON,
by whom they were both Committed
to NEW-GATE.

L O N D O N,

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